



SOLUTION to the problem of big, gas-guzzling autos is this "overdrive" unit (in white) shown attached to a conventional General Motor automatic transmission. The unit was designed and constructed by Bob Batten of B and J Transmissions on West Henderson, who holds two optional shifting units to engage or disengage the unit while driving.

(Farm Tribune Photo)

BIG GAS GUZZLING AUTOS CAN BE CURED

By Art Thrall
So you've got a problem?
You own a big, heavy, high horsepower, gas-eating automobile that you don't want to get rid of because it is so comfortable. And, you don't like the little "bug-type" cars that ride like overactive pogo sticks yet get good mileage.

But you're tired of paying high prices for the gas your "big iron" eats while carrying you from place to place. So, in the face of steadily climbing gas prices, what are you going to do?

Well, relax! You really don't have a problem that can't be solved, according to Bob Batten of B and J Transmissions, who has come up with an answer.

How would you like to keep your big car but make that big engine produce mileage approaching that of the small economy-type vehicles? It can be done, Batten says.

Batten has come up with an "overdrive" that adapts to the big vehicles and accompanying transmissions which can work

wonders with the gas mileage of the heavyweight autos and pickups.

Batten said he has made one unit which he has installed on his 1973 Pontiac Grand Prix. The car is equipped with a 400 cubic inch engine and all the "extras." The car now produces more than 22 miles to the gallon in highway driving according to Batten. Before, it was doing good to get 15 miles per gallon.

The idea of an overdrive is not new, Batten noted. They were first built a long time ago. But they worked on manual shift transmissions. The change to automatic transmissions has more or less done away with the overdrives and they have generally been discontinued.

Batten, who has been manufacturing and working with transmissions for many years, said he started out trying to "tune" the engine of his car to make it get better mileage. He said he tried a variety of things including cutting the big General Motors V-8 back to using only four cylinders. Some of the

things he tried helped a little mileage wise, but he finally decided that it wouldn't be too effective working with the big engines. He then turned his attentions to what he could do in the gearing arrangement that transfers the power to the rear wheels.

He put his time and talents to work on the problem early in 1975 and after considerable design, redesign and much trial, he has now come up with a working model of his "overdrive" unit.

Batten said the pilot unit has been on his car now for several months. He has put about 10,000 miles on it. He said the car is now averaging 25 to 30 per cent better mileage than it did before the unit was installed.

Batten noted that his pilot unit is for General Motors cars although the unit can be made for Ford and Chrysler products also with some minor modifications.

The idea behind the overdrive unit, according to Batten, is

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CANTERBELLE HORSE SHOW

The Porterville Canterbells will sponsor their 16th annual open horse show Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21 at the Porterville Fairgrounds arena on East Olive street.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. both days with morning western classes and afternoon gymkhana on Saturday and English classes and jumping on Sunday.

Entry fees in all events will be \$3 and post entries \$4. Entry blanks are available at western stores and feed stores in the area or from show secretary Emmy Kibbler, 539-2380.

Classes will be divided into age groups of 14 and under, 15-17, and 18 and over while gymkhana groups are 10 and under, 11-13, 15-17, and 18 and over.

Betty Kennedy of Hacienda Heights will be judge of classes. Gymkhana will not count for points.

Prizes will include trophies to first and ribbons through sixth.

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Legal Counsel To

Address Farm Bureau

Bill Edwards, assistant counsel to the California Farm Bureau Federation public utilities legal department, will discuss recent trends in public utilities, lifeline, and priority and rate increases at a dinner meeting of the Porterville Farm Bureau Center to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at Don's Hillside Inn.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced recently that the United States Meat Exporting Federation has signed an agreement with the department's foreign agricultural service to join in cooperative programs to expand overseas sales of U.S. meat and meat products. Particular emphasis will be placed on developing and maintaining markets in Japan and Europe.

SPRINGVILLE POINTS TOWARD RODEO

Improvements At Rodeo Arena

Volunteer workers were on the job Sunday at the Springville rodeo grounds to start a number of projects that will be completed prior to the 1976 Springville-Sierra rodeo, set for the afternoons of April 24 and 25.

New lights and flag poles are being installed on the arena gate; grandstand seats are being repaired; bucking chutes and holding pens are being reconditioned; concession booths are being repainted and a steep bank back of the concession booths is being cut away to make room for a retaining wall and a storage

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JACKASS MAIL?

Unidentified members of the non-existent Jackass Mail committee confused, confounded and astounded Porterville's Bicentennial commission Monday evening when they requested official commission endorsement of the 15th running of the Mail on April 17.

The alleged Jackass Mail representatives presented brilliant handbills announcing the Mail run, also copies of the 1976 Jackass Mail stamp, more than a few of which were purchased by those present.

Declining an invitation to adjourn to the usual meeting place of the J.A.M. constituency, Bicentennial Commission members deferred the initial endorsement request to a special, extraordinary, plenary session that will be held April 12 at a place to be announced later if at all.

After which it was suggested that perhaps the police should be notified, but the Jackass group left quietly in their usual, refined manner.

Parade Entries Are Coming In

Fourteen divisions have been set up for the Springville-Sierra Rodeo parade in Springville the morning of April 24, with Parade Chairman Lewis Porter stating that trophies will go for the first three places in each division and that all parade entrants will receive gate passes for the RCA-approved professional rodeo that will follow the parade.

Entry forms for the parade are now available at Walco's in Visalia, Bakersfield and Porterville; at All-American Western in Porterville; and at Fred's Feed and Mercantile in Springville.

Parade divisions will include: Baton groups, large and small; mounted pair; western rider; costume rider; horseless carriage;

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Queen Candidates To Be Honored

Contestants for queen of the 1976 Springville-Sierra rodeo will be honored at a recognition banquet the evening of April 10 at the Springville Memorial building, with tickets for this event now on sale.

A prime rib dinner, catered by The Paul Bunyan, will be served at 6 p.m., entertainment will be provided by The Quaking Aspen Barbershop quartet; contestants will be judged on personality and appearance. Dinner reservations can be made by telephoning 784-8332, or 784-6146.

Competing for the title of queen are seven girls: Cindy Patton, of Springville; Denise Mahnke, Tina Dilday, and Mary Merkel, of Porterville; Sandy Sellers, of Bakersfield; Tammy

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STATE CATTLE GROUP HEADS TO VISIT HERE

William B. Staiger, executive vice-president of the California Cattlemen's association, and CCA's top officers will meet with the Tulare County Cattlemen's association as part of their annual spring tour, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Tagus Ranch restaurant in Tulare.

Joining Staiger will be Jack Owens of Red Bluff, CCA president; Joe Russell of Shandon, first vice-president; and Jack Schneider of Sloughhouse, treasurer. Pat Jenkins, state membership chairman, will also be on the program.

The CCA officers meet with the state's 19 member associations each year to discuss topics of current interest to cattlemen and explain some of

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SEVEN CONTESTANTS FOR COUNTY COTTON TITLE

Seven young women of Tulare county have been announced as candidates for the title of 1976 Tulare county Maid of Cotton, according to officials of the Tulare County Cotton Wives, Auxiliary, sponsors of the annual competition.

The candidates include Mary Ann Borba, Sherrie Ann Franks, Natilie Picanso, and Sheri Stewart, all of Tulare; Arlene "Cookie" Andrews of Dinuba, Sheryl Spuhler of Strathmore, and Lynne Bettencourt of Visalia.

Tulare County Maid of Cotton will be named in selections to be held Saturday, March 20, at the Tulare Elks Lodge.

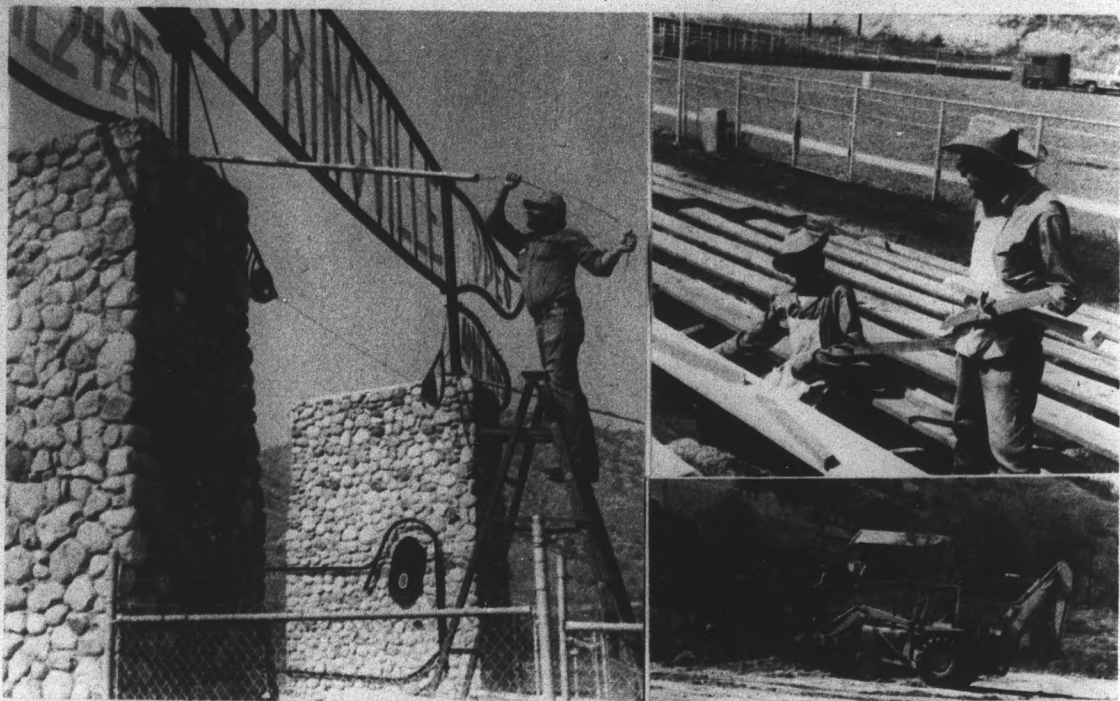
Miss Borba is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Borba. She is a graduate of Tulare Western high school and is currently attending COS.

Miss Franks is the daughter of

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MAID of Cotton contestants for Tulare county this year include left to right, rear, Mary Ann Borba, Lynne Bettencourt, Sherrie Franks, Sheryl Spuhler; left to right, front, Sheri Stewart, Natilie Picanso, and Arlene "Cookie" Andrews. The 1976 Maid of Cotton will be determined during selection procedures set Saturday at the Tulare Elks lodge.



THERE'S WORK to be done at the Springville-Sierra Rodeo arena, and members of the organizations that comprise the Springville Rodeo association got at it last Sunday in preparation for the world championship professional show

April 24-25. In photos, working down from top left: Fred McGregor installing new lights on the rodeo grounds gate; Phil Brown and Perry Marlin replace bleacher sections; Ted Brassfield and Jim Bodley work with their backhoes; Larry Billings and

Tom Baker paint concession stands; Darwin Griswold, Lewis Porter and Herb Brown repair chutes and holding pens; and - thanks to the ladies - plenty of food for a lunch break.

(Farm Tribune photos)

Improvements. . .

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building.

The entire grounds will also be cleaned up prior to the April rodeo.

The world championship, professional Springville-Sierra rodeo is staged annually by an association of Springville organizations - the Springville chamber of commerce, represented on the association board by Fred McGregor and Tom Baker; VFW post, Herb Brown and Pete Stephens; Farm Bureau Center, Darwin Griswold and Perry Marlin; Springville Grange, Denise Martin and Larry Billings; and Lions club, Ken Fox and Dick Maas. Serving as director-at-large is Bill Johnson; Hazel Marlin is executive secretary.

Officers of the association are Tom Baker, president; Darwin Griswold, vice president; and Dick Maas, secretary-treasurer.

Parade Entries. . .

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decorated bicycles; general entries; and commercial entries. No awards are offered in the commercial entry division.

The parade will move through Springville, from east to west, at 10 a.m., April 24; awards will be presented by Tulare County Sheriff Bob Wiley in the rodeo arena at 1 p.m.; rodeo action will get underway at 2 p.m.

Full information on the rodeo parade can be obtained by writing to: Lewis Porter, parade chairman, 32620 Ave. 176, Porterville 93257, or by telephoning (209) 539-2888.

The rodeo parade will open Springville's annual western weekend that includes two afternoons of world championship, professional rodeo, April 24-25, and a western dance on the "community slab" the night of April 24.

Queen Candidates

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Lusby, of Hanford; and Debbie Knight, of Woodlake.

All contestants, and their parents will be guests of the Springville-Sierra Rodeo association at the Recognition banquet.

Queen, and attendants, will be announced, and the queen officially crowned as the highlight of a Coronation ball the evening of April 17 in the Springville Memorial building.

Judging is based on horsemanship, personality and appearance, and sale of special tickets, with results in all categories audited by the Porterville branch of United California bank.

State Cattle Group

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CCA's stands on issues.

"Topping the list," Staiger said, "will be discussion of land use legislation and how we, as an organization, feel about it."

The status of the national beef development task force and CCA's legislative alert committee will be discussed by Russell.

Beef grading changes and their impact on the cattle market is one of Owen's discussion areas, as is the possible merger of the American National Cattlemen's association and the Cattle Feeders association.

Estate inheritance tax legislation and the prompt payment for cattle bought by a packer are timely legislative issues which will be explained.

Cattlemen and their guests, as well as anyone with an interest in these agricultural issues, may attend, said Glen Fink, president of TCCA. Reservations at \$6.25 per person, may be made by calling Exeter 592-3422.

REPORTS GIVEN AT SUCCESS VALLEY MEET

Success Valley 4-H held its March meeting at the Citrus South Tule School community building with Vicky Warlow presiding; with pledge of allegiance led by Karen Larson, and with the 4-H pledge led by Ruben Hernandez.

Reports were given by Julie Chamberlain, secretary; Debra Glenn, treasurer; and Darlin Larson, reporter.

During the meeting a report was given by Alan Gill on his winning of the reserve grand champion, junior division for 7th and 8th graders. He won a medal for his prize winning yeast rolls. Members tested their knowledge of nutrition and food preparation at Favorite Foods Day, at the College of the Sequoias on Saturday, February 21.

The club's plans for the educational tour of the Horseshoe School on April 12 was also given by Alan Gill.

Other reports included those by Karen Larson who told of the Demonstration Day at Monache High School. Darin Larson reported on the club's participation in the collection for the Heart Fund in which members of the club joined many volunteers in the Strathmore area to collect for this year's Heart Sunday Drive. Julie Chamberlain reported on the team's experiences while collecting for the Heart Fund.

A nominating committee was appointed and will include Vicky Wardlaw, Alan Gill, Julie Chamberlain, Rocky Day, and Karen Larson.

Everyone was reminded of dates to remember which include the club's skating party, March 14; Vandalia Beef Field Day, March 27, at the Porterville Fair Grounds; All Sheep Field Day, March 27, at the California State University, Fresno; and Foods Judging, May 1 at the 4-H Fair.

Refreshments were served by Vicky Wardlaw and Julie Chamberlain.

In charge of refreshments for next meeting will be Alan Gill and Jeff Witcher. The next meeting will be April 5, at 7:30.



DIRECTOR - Dawrence Rice, Monache High school coach and math instructor, has been named athletic director at MHS for 1976-77, replacing Bob Otto. Rice, a native of Dumas, Tex., has taught at Monache since 1968. His present teaching assignment at Monache is math instructor, JV baseball coach, and assistant varsity football coach.

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QUIRK FILES CANDIDACY FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE

John F. Quirk has filed his nomination petition as a candidate to the office of Judge of the Porterville Municipal court.

Quirk, who has been practicing law in the Porterville judicial district since 1960 and who has been Porterville's city attorney for over 13 years, stated:

"The people of the Porterville judicial district are entitled to be represented on our local bench by a judge who will give them the type of justice they demand and are entitled to have—fair and equal treatment for all, plus a criminal sentencing procedure that emphasizes that the commission of a crime in this district will be severely dealt with in the Porterville Municipal court."

Quirk continued by saying that he is a strong believer "that firm criminal sentencing will act as a deterrent to crime and is sorely needed." He pointed to the 11 per cent increase in the crime rate during 1975 in Porterville alone as an example. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "there's an appropriate punishment for every crime and it's about time the criminal element in our area is made aware of it. It's also about time the victims of crimes are given a break."

"Another item that bothers me," Quirk said, "is plea and sentencing bargaining. When this so called 'bargaining system' results in an extremely light or no sentence at all, then justice is defeated and that means the public is defeated. Supporters argue that bargaining eases heavy court loads, but I believe better



John F. Quirk

a loaded court... than having criminals who belong inside being outside and ripping off the people of our district."

"This will be the first opportunity that the people of this district will have to elect a municipal court judge to our new court—this time," he stated, "you be the judge."

Quirk lives in Porterville with his wife, Ann, and their three school age daughters. Their son, John, is in the Army stationed in Germany.

Quirk was this judicial district's first resident deputy district attorney and has been Porterville's city attorney for over 13 years. He is a graduate of San Jose State University and the University of Santa Clara's school of law. He is a member of the California State Bar, member and director of the Tulare County Bar, member of Porterville Exchange club and Elk's lodge. He is an Army veteran with foreign service.

Indian Career Seminar Set For Visalia

More than 250 Tulare county Native American students and 150 adults are expected to attend the first annual Indian Career Awareness conference to be held in the new education building at Visalia, Friday, March 19.

The event is being cooperatively planned by the Tulare county department of education and the Porterville and Visalia Indian education projects.

The recently funded county Indian education project is designed to meet some of the counseling and educational needs of Tulare county Indian students.

The conference is designed to create awareness for American Indian students in careers of art, business, drama, film, law enforcement, health, military and government. Representatives of government agencies, various colleges, the American Indian Art Institute in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and other areas of interest will be on hand to discuss grants scholarships and other programs available to American Indians.

Dr. Frank Clarke of Woodlake, now with the Indian hospital in New Mexico, will conduct awareness sessions for attending adult Indians to make them aware of adult involvement in development of Indian education materials.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with workshops commencing at 9:30 a.m. and continuing through 2:30 p.m., according to Tom L. Burkett, director of the Indian Education Project.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LIKE TUITION-FREE STUDY

International students from Porterville College have urged the Kern Community College District board of trustees to continue to support the tuition-free program.

Salim Norali of Bangladesh, India, and Francis Okyere, West Africa, were among several foreign students who praised the college program. Norali said, "It is a great opportunity for all the foreign students to achieve such wonderful education in the USA and for all the native students to know more about our countries and our cultures."

Dr. Paul Kercher, PC vice-president, reported there are 29 students attending Porterville College representing Jordan, El Salvador, England, Iran, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Canada, Portugal, Ghana, Malaysia, Mexico, Bangladesh, Kenya, Cambodia, Peru, Gambia, and the Marshall Islands.

Foreign students now attend the college tuition-free as do California residents. Dr. Kercher noted that the international student carries courses heavily oriented toward academic majors and carries more units than the average student. Of the 29 students, some are majoring in medicine, secretarial studies, electronics, engineering, architecture, physics, civil engineering, geology, business management, physical education, chemical engineering, international relations, pharmacy, accounting, and liberal arts.

Okyere of Ghana said, "The people in Porterville value their college more when they realize these foreign students have

come thousands of miles from all parts of the world to get an education here." He feels permanent value in friendship for the United States is derived when these students return to their countries.

The students expressed thanks for the strong support of PC Professor Nancy Korn; John Reed, assistant professor; Dr. Orlin Shires, president; and Kercher.

Spring Forum To Feature Bicentennial

A full-length color film "Spirit of '76" will kick off Porterville Adult School's spring film forum at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Porterville Memorial auditorium.

Guest lecturer with the film will be Ray Green, who will present a narrational tour of the



Ray Green

State Farmers In National Cost Survey

A nation-wide survey in March conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture will gather information to help indicate the cost to farmers for the production of beef cattle, hogs, and sheep.

The survey, directed in California by the statistician in charge, W. Ward Henderson, will collect data during personal interviews about farmers' expenditures for livestock, feed, equipment, energy, facilities, interest, taxes, cash wages, and repairs.

Henderson pointed out that the survey results will help measure the actual kinds and amounts of these expenses encountered by producers and will be very useful in establishing a reliable indication of costs required to produce livestock. The survey information will also help identify production needs and establish priorities for energy and other input requirements for the protection of meat animals.

All information provided by individual farmers during the interviews is kept confidential and only regional and national summaries will be published.

Community Fiesta Plans Underway

PORTERVILLE - Plans for Porterville's fifth annual Community Fiesta are underway with the event to be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Monache High School Campus center, Friday, March 26.

General co-chairmen are Toni Candalaria and Diane Espejo. Other chairmen are: Don McKay, decorations; Betty Yates and David Itzenhauser, tickets; Dan Hogan and Susan Bitner, program chairmen; Francis Roman and Nero Pruitt, dinner and food serving; Arlan Shaffer, publicity; Kathy Gibson, Pauline Meier, and Lillian Durbin, soft drinks; Dick Schlager and David Itzenhauser, school entertainment; and Don Howard, art exhibit.

Other committee members include Lu Gallego, Toni Hogan, Leroy Friesen, David Candalaria, and Jim Ostrem.

The event is sponsored by various organizations of the community.

Subfreezing early March temperatures caused light, scattered damage to orchards in or nearing bloom in the San Joaquin Valley, according to the California department of food and agriculture.

RESIDENTS NAMED TO REAGAN UNIT

Several Porterville residents have been named to the Tulare County Citizens for Reagan advisory Committee and will be working closely in the presidential campaign for former state governor Ronald Reagan.

Listed on the committee from Porterville are Hal Campbell, Jim Heusdens, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kempfer, Don Laux, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schortman, Mrs. Carmen Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Thompson will be serving from Strathmore, while Lindsay committee members are James

Holvey and Tom Shimasaki.

Dr. Richard L. Holvey and Stanley Miller, both of Visalia will head up the organization.

A fair directors seminar featuring discussion of financing and classification of fairs, legislation, and county-state relations will be held at 9 a.m. March 23, in building C, Cal Expo. The session is open to the public.

Range grass is improving daily aided by ideal conditions and recent rains. However forage continues in short supply necessitating supplemental feeding which is heavier than usual. Hay costs continue to rise.

New England colonies and explain their significance in this bicentennial year.

Themed around "A Bicentennial America Looks at Itself and Its Origins," the adult school's spring film forum, under direction of Dr. R.H. Chamberlain, will continue with "Pathways Through Literary America" and Bill Stockdale on April 5, followed by John Booth on April 12 with "America of Will Rogers," and concluding on April 26 with John Goddard comparing the emerging nations of today's Africa with America's inception 200 years ago.


All forums are free and open to the public. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by adults.

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MONACHE BOYS SELECTED FOR BOYS' STATE

Terra Bella American Legion Post 779 has elected to send two delegates both Monache High School students, to the 39th annual American Legion California Boys' State in Sacramento, June 19 through 26.

The boys, Tim Leming and Randy Burns, will be exposed to a rigorous schedule of participating in a model government designed to teach California youths the meaning of civics, democracy, and Americanism.

Leming is a junior at Monache, active in choir and music, and appeared this year as

a solo artist in the City of Hope Spectacular. He has studied cinematography and television production independently, and is employed by the school district as a video technician.

He is an active tennis player, bowler, and golfer. He also participates in youth activities of the Porterville Church of the Nazarene.

Burns has spent his life on a ranch near Porterville. He has been active in 4-H and FFA and plans to attend Cal Poly following graduation.

He has also been involved in band and chorus throughout his school years, enjoys basketball,

football, and baseball, and is an active youth member of the Porterville Church of the Nazarene.

Monache student Robby Warkentin was chosen by the Legion as alternate delegate, in the event Leming or Burns are unable to attend. Warkentin is active in the Marauder band, member of Ichthus Club, C.S.F., plays tennis, and plans to enter a pre-medical school after graduation.

Cattle movement to market remains earlier and heavier than usual with less weight on cattle, according to state livestock reports.

LEGION HALL SALE OPPONENTS WILL BE HEARD

Members of Porterville American Legion Post 20, who oppose the sale of the local American Legion Hall, 227 East Oak, to the Porterville Veterans Memorial district are invited to appear at regular meetings of the post, Wednesday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 21, to voice such protests.

Frank R. Brown, post commander, and Hugh C. Williams, post adjutant, said the sale will be consummated shortly after the last mentioned date in the absence of a majority protest of the action.

Dinner Dance Honors Retiring Sam Mitchell

A combined benefit dinner-dance and retirement celebration in honor of Sam Mitchell, installer-repairman with Pacific Telephone in Porterville, will be held at the Poplar Memorial building Saturday, March 20.

The dance begins at 9 p.m., a midnight buffet will be served.

Mitchell, who has been with the company more than 24 years, was once the only telephone repairman serving the Ponderosa - Camp Nelson mountain area and has spent his entire service time in the Porterville area.

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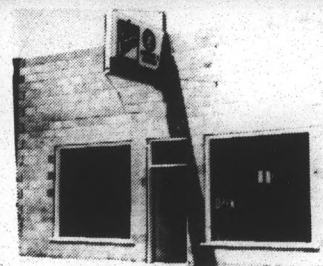
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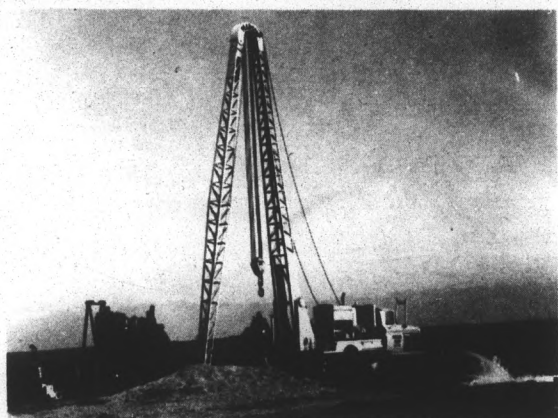
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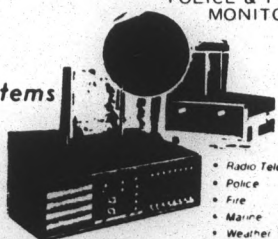
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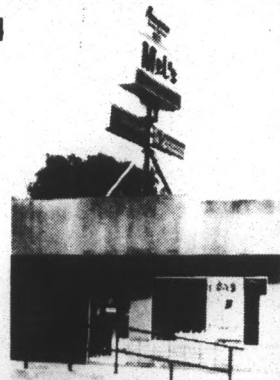
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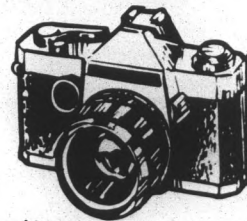
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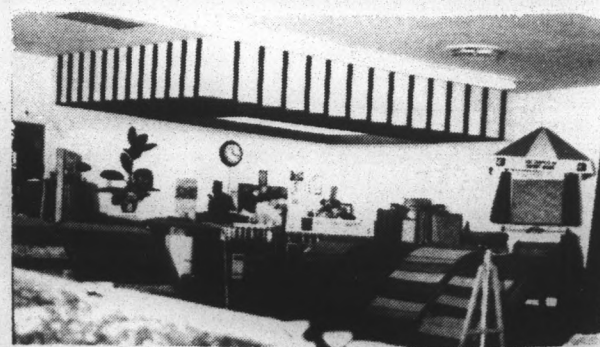
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English Choir Appears Here

PORTERVILLE - The Kentwood Choir of Swindon, England, will appear at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 20, in Memorial auditorium under the sponsorship of the American Field Service scholarship program, according to Judy Meadows, president of the Porterville AFS chapter.

The choir was first organized in 1966 and is composed of 45 female members ranging in age from 12 to 35 years. It has won many awards at festival competitions, made records, and appeared on television.

The unit performed 23

concerts in a four-month period to earn funds for the American tour which it is now completing. It specializes in popular show tunes, but will also present a special Bicentennial Salute to America through music during its performance here.

The choir's appearance here is in the interest of gaining funds for the Porterville AFS chapter in order that it may continue to sponsor Porterville teenage students to summer study programs in foreign countries, an exchange program with an Indian reservation, and an

exchange program with other American chapters.

The AFS also sponsors two foreign students to attend local high schools each year.

Mrs. Meadows explained that the AFS chapter is totally dependent on donations to continue its work and the Kentwood choir performance here will boost the local treasury.

Tickets, \$2 for adults and children under 12 free, are available at the door or by calling 784-6419 or 784-2251.

Pioneer Actors Present Play

The Pioneer Junior High school drama department will present Patricia Gray's dramatization of "The Hobbit" tonight, tomorrow night and Saturday night, at the Porterville college theater.

The play is based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy which has become a modern classic.

The cast is composed of 24 students who will take parts of dwarfs, trolls, elves, a dragon, a wizard, a creature, and of course the "hobbit," Bilko, who will be played by Leslie Caulk.

Alma Carrasco plays the part

of the creature named Gollum, and Kellie Jackson the wizard named Gardalf.

The play is being directed by Shirley Bechtel with the assistance of Mary Henley, a Porterville college student. Setting is designed and constructed by Larry Unser.

The Thursday and Friday performances will begin at 8 p.m. while the Saturday performance will be a matinee beginning at 2 p.m.

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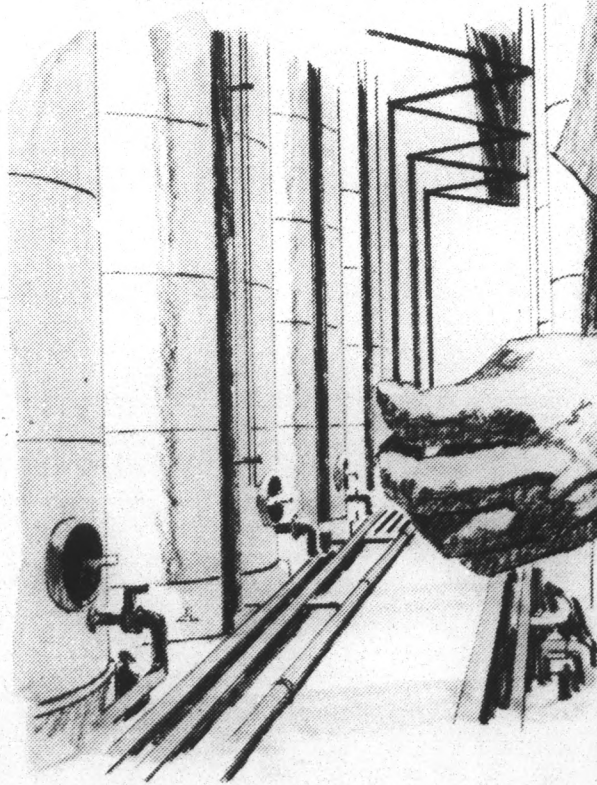
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APRIL

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- 1-2 - Cinco De Mayo Celebration
- 7 - Panther Band Concert
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- 20-21-22 - Porterville Bicentennial Fair
- 27 - Monache Hi Vocal Concert
- 29 - Studio Band Jazz Concert

Arts, Flowers Show Planned At Tulare

A "Festival of Arts and Flowers" will be sponsored by the Tulare Palette club and the Valley Oak Garden club Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, at the Veterans Memorial building in Tulare. The show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be \$1 per person.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Estate
of
LUCIA DELLA, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLES DELLA has filed herein a Petition for Conformation of Community Property Passing Without Administration and Alternately for Probate of Will, and that the time and place of hearing the same has been set for April 2, 1976, at 8:30 A.M., in the Courtroom of Department No. 3 of said Court at the Courthouse in the City of Visalia, California.

Dated: January 13, 1976.
HUBLER, BURFORD,
MORAN & QUIRK
By Burke E. Burford
Attorneys for Petitioner
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys At Law
141 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, California 93257

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Local 4-Hers Earn Awards At Field Day

A total of 52 Tulare County 4-H club members were awarded gold medals for their presentations at the recent county field day held at Monache high school recently.

The members, individually or in teams, gave outstanding demonstrations in a variety of subjects covering agricultural, home economics and activity areas of the 4-H club program.

Gold medal winners from southeastern Tulare county included Marta Knapp, Kirsten Kempfer, Douglas Scheer, Jamie Wilson, Jane Hatfield, Steven Knapp, and Harold Kempfer all of Plano 4-H; Lisa Thomas, and Brian Ramsey of the Urbaneers; Caroline West and Samantha Mitchell of Golden Hills, Dana Maples and Christine Webb of Burton; Johnny Rodriguez of Westfield; Danise Mahnke of Vandalia; Terri Fitterer and Debbie Todd of Ducor; and Leign Ann Roberson, Janet Haas, Lisa Noel, and Greg Wynn of Lindsay.

Blue seal winners from southeastern Tulare county included Melodie Corkins, Richard Homer and Mary Bowker of Plano; Lisa Ellis of Burton; Tommy Thomas of the Urbaneers; John Zaninovich of Pleasant View; and Becky Fuller of Lindsay.

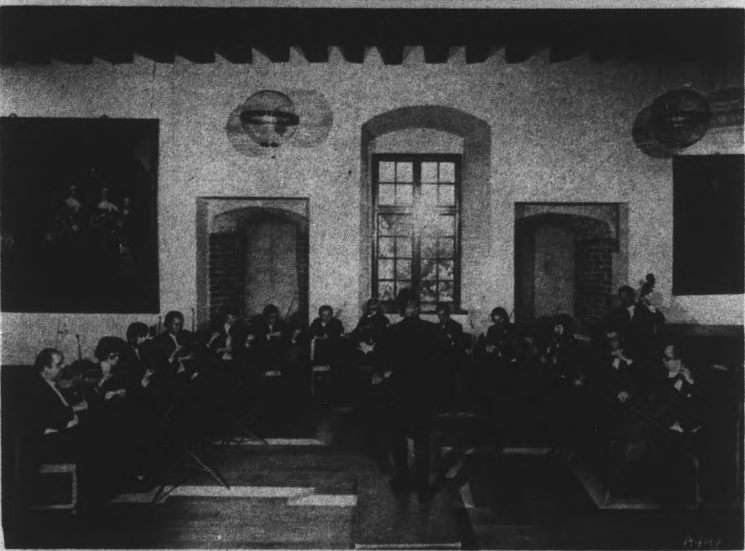
Navy Has Land For Farm Lease

The Department of the Navy proposes to lease two parcels of land totaling 4,775 acres at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, for agricultural use for an 18 month term commencing July 1, 1976. The general public is invited to bid on this lease proposal. Bids will be accepted until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 1976.

Inspection of the parcels can be arranged by contacting Harold Hogan at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, telephone (209) 998-3005.

Leasing information can be obtained from the real estate division of the western division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, San Bruno, California, telephone (415) 871-6600, extension 3047.

COMMUNITY CONCERT CAMPAIGN



MEMBERSHIP campaign for the 1976-77 Porterville Community Concert association will be conducted next week - March 22 through 27 - with headquarters at Wayne's Music Mart, 23 East Oak, Porterville, phone 781-3118. Four concerts (photos from top) have been booked for the new season: The Obernkirchen Children's choir that will be on its 14th American tour; the Swedish Chamber Orchestra of Orebro; Staffan Scheir, brilliant young

Swedish pianist; and, not pictured, the Annapolis Brass Quintet. A fifth concert will be announced. Members may renew, or new members join the concert association during the membership campaign next week, with adults \$12.00, students \$6.00, or families \$30.00. Concerts during the season are available only to season membership card holders; members may also attend association concerts in other communities. Memberships are available only during the March 22-27 campaign; no single admission tickets are sold during the season.

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In re the marriage of
Petitioner: JUANITA FAYE JONES
and

Respondent: WILLIAM E. JONES
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

AVISO! Usted ha sido demandado. El tribunal puede decidir contra Ud. sin audiencia a menos que Ud. responda dentro de 30 dias. Lea la informacion que sigue.

1. To the Respondent (See footnote*):

a. The petitioner has filed a petition concerning your marriage. You may file a written response within 30 days of the date that this summons is served on you.

b. If you fail to file a written response within such time, your default may be entered and the court may enter a judgment containing injunctive or other orders concerning division of property, spousal support, child custody, child support, attorney's fees, costs, and such other relief as may be granted by the court, which could result in the garnishment of wages, taking of money or property, or other relief.

c. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed on time.

Dated May 29, 1975.

JAY C. BAYLESS, Clerk
By Ruth Davidson, Deputy
Attorneys at Law
141 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, California 93257
Telephone: (209) 784-5064
Attorneys for Petitioner

*The response and other permitted papers must be in writing and in the form prescribed by the California Rules of Court. They must be filed in this court with the proper filing fee and proof of service of a copy of each on petitioner. The time when a summons is deemed served on a party may vary depending on the method of service. For example, see CCP 413.10 through 415.40.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TULARE
No. 24445

Estate of
ORPHA LILLIAN SMIRL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 E. Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257 which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated February 24, 1976.
JUANITA ASUNCION
Administratrix of the Estate
of the above named decedent

Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys at Law
141 E. Mill Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257
(209) 784-5064
Attorneys for Administratrix
First publication: February 26, 1976.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TULARE
No. 24459

Estate of
ROSA M. DAVENPORT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated February 2, 1976.
EDWARD C. DAVENPORT
Executor of the Will of the
above named decedent

Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys at Law
141 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, California 93257
Telephone: (209) 784-5064
Attorneys for Executor
First publication: February 19, 1976.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 30, 1976, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., in the Supervisors Chambers, Courthouse, Mineral King and Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

The hearing will pertain to a proposed adoption of Map Part 33 of the specific plan of street names and numbers and house numbers, as set forth in Sections 7539-7564 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code, for an area north of Springville.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place. By order of the Board of Supervisors.

Dated March 9, 1976.
JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
and ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors
By Carol Santos, Deputy

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Illegal Alien Work Law To Benefit State

By Gordon Duffy
State Assemblyman

Earlier this month, the United States Supreme court upheld a California state law banning the willful employment of illegal aliens. The ruling, the result of five years of court battles, is considered by many to be a major step in the fight to reduce the number of illegal aliens employed in California.

The law, authored by Assemblyman Dixon Arnett (R-Redwood City) passed the legislature by the skin of its teeth in 1971, only to be reversed by the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara superior courts. These rulings were twice upheld by the 2nd district court of appeals. The California State Supreme court refused to hear the case, and it was referred to the U.S. Supreme court, which overturned all previous rulings, and stated that it is within the realm of California authority to prohibit the "knowing" employment of illegal aliens.

Under the provisions of the law, an employer may not willfully or knowingly hire illegal aliens. If he does, he or she will be subject to fines ranging from \$200 to \$500. In order to avoid charges of discriminatory hiring practices, employers may first hire an employee, then ask their employee for documents proving that they are in this country legally.

In the past, illegal aliens have drained off an estimated \$180 million each year in wages and benefits from the state's economy. After obtaining jobs normally held by bona fide citizens, "illegals" often send major portions of their pay back home to their families. As a result, the economy suffers, since the money is spent, not in California, but in another country, and tax dollars are lost.

Illegal aliens can be found working in all sectors of the state's business community. Experts estimate that illegal aliens hold down 35,000 jobs in San Francisco alone. About 120,000 "illegals" are thought

to be working in California's agricultural areas. In Los Angeles, it is estimated that 90 per cent of the city's garment workers are illegal aliens. Illegal aliens have been found teaching classes in San Francisco area colleges, operating their own carpentry and painting businesses, filling design engineer positions with major engineering firms, and laboring in construction. One illegal alien worked for the state in an \$18,000 per year position.

As a result of the supreme court's action, thousands of potential new jobs should become available. To a state suffering a 10 per cent unemployment rate, the action is welcome relief. Also, the court's decision should ease the burden on California taxpayers.

Welfare rolls are expected to be reduced, for example, as those previously jobless enter the labor market. The situation has been likened to the one in 1956, when 500,000 illegal aliens were deported, and welfare rolls were reduced an estimated \$500,000 per week. Most important, state and federal resources will become more available to legal residents, as illegal aliens leave the state to find other sources of work. In 1974, San Diego county paid out an estimated \$578,000 in medical costs for the care of illegal aliens; two San Diego hospitals spent \$1.9 million providing care to illegal aliens.

Assemblyman Arnett said that he felt the law could do more towards solving the unemployment problem than anything suggested to date. "If this law is now enforced, and legal residents fill those jobs currently held by illegal aliens, our unemployment rate could be reduced by almost one third," he said.

The U.S. Supreme court's decision allows the state of California to attempt to control its own illegal alien problem. Most important, it opens up avenues of employment for the state's jobless, and insures that taxpayer monies are used to support needy residents of the state, not illegal aliens.

Publisher's Fair Set For Teachers

The Tulare County Department of Education has announced that its 5th annual Publisher's Fair for all elementary and secondary educators has been scheduled from 1 - 8 p.m., Thursday, March 25, in the Exhibit Hall of the Visalia Convention center.

Approximately 80 publishers will be on hand to display the latest in textbooks, materials, educational aids and audio visual equipment for all grade levels and curriculum areas.

James Arthur Gray Joins U.S. Air Force

James Arthur Gray, son of Mrs. Marie Gray of Porterville, joined the U.S. Air Force for training as a jet engine mechanic. He will leave for first training in August.

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Bees have been moved into most areas of blooming crops for pollination purposes. But apiarists are reporting continued problems with vandalism, malicious killing, and thefts of bees.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"I jist said, I wuz gonna dope some calves and danged if these guys didn't foller me home!"

Blood Bank To Visit Locally

The Central Valley Blood Bank unit will visit Porterville from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, and will accept donations at the Porterville Elks Lodge, Main and Morton.

Chamber of Commerce blood bank Chairman Loren Schmid said individuals and organizations desiring specific

donations to accounts may call the chamber, 784-7502, or Schmid, 784-1320.

Individuals may open family accounts during the local drawings and are encouraged to obtain information and applications from blood bank personnel on the day of the drawing.



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95 ATTEND PRAIRIE CENTER TOUR

Prairie Center 4-H Club held its annual project tour on Saturday, March 13, at the Andy Veeman Dairy, with 95 members, family, and friends attending and with 60 people participating in the judging contest.

Program for the day included a Judging Contest for members and family; lunch; and demonstrations on showing from the following members: Diane Warden on beef; Leah DePaoli on dairy; Jodi Samman, Debbie Rowell, Pam Oxford, Patty Oxford, and Peaches Rowell on horse; Pam Oxford, Jami Greer, Joy Calder, Patty Oxford on blocking a lamb; Lynn Calder, and Susan Fisher on showing a lamb.

In the judging contest the participants judged the following items: leather, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, and beef.

Winners in the judging contest were: Senior 4-H Members, 1st. Jodi Samman, 2nd. Becky Fuller, and Mike Veeman, 3rd. Sheryl Spuhler.

Junior 4-H members; 1st. Debra Noel and Wayne Allen, 2nd. Tim Warden, 3rd. Todd Samman, 4th. Keith Noel.

Novice 4-H members; 1st. Joe Fiske, 2nd. Mike Rowell, 3rd. Vincent Domecq.

Adults, 1st. Sue Rowell, 2nd. Richard Fiske, 3rd. Betty Noel.

Non-4-H members, 1st. Donna Warden, 2nd. Stacy Samman, 3rd. Barbara Hill, and Rod Veeman.

All first place winners in the judging contest were presented a trophy by Diane Warden, chairman of the contest.

Chairman of the project tour were; Mike Veeman, Pam Oxford and Debby and Mike Rowell.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed revisions of the poultry and rabbit grading regulations which would eliminate all reference to

THE FARMERS CORNER

By Leland H. Ruth
Ex. Vice Pres.
Agricultural Council Of California

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(Executive Vice President,
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of California)

FAMILY FARMING IS NO SMALL POTATOES

Preserving and even regenerating the family farm is becoming one of the more popular causes this year. Governor Brown, speaking at a recent Congressional hearing, joined others encouraging rural development by indicating that he is willing to commit the full resources of state government to dividing existing large land holdings and settling small family farmers on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley.

Perhaps agriculture should be pleased that it is receiving all this attention. But let us look closer at the family farm. The term "family farm" does not mean "small investment." In fact, a study prepared for the Governor by the Department of Food and Agriculture shows that it requires a minimum average investment of \$477,000 to develop a 320 acre parcel of land in the area under consideration. (160 acres is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation per-person allotment, but 320 acres is what a man and his wife would be allowed together).

At an average price of \$1,000 per acre, 320 acres of land would cost \$320,000 to purchase. This figure is conservative because the Office of Planning and Research shows that the average fair market value of level cropland, with some form of irrigation in the

land under discussion, is approximately \$1,500 per acre. The point is, that the cost of establishing a family farm these days is unquestionably high.

HALF MILLION INVESTMENT

Running a business that requires nearly a half million dollar investment means a good deal of risk taking on the part of the farmer and his lender. Keep in mind too, that private lending institutions are going to be most hesitant in lending money to anyone who is not experienced enough in farming to have a high probability of success in commercial farming.

The Office of Planning and Research suggests ways the public might provide the capital to finance those potential farmers who do not qualify for conventional bank loans. The report estimates that if 844 new family farms were established by this method, and if the Farmers' Home Administration were to serve as a supplemental lender of approximately \$200,000 for each farm, this project would involve funding of \$168,800,000 over a ten year period.

In addition to the loan to purchase and develop this land, most of these growers would also need a basic operating loan of at least \$50,000 to begin farming (for the first year's seed, fuel, fertilizer, harvesting cost, and family expenses).

CAUTION URGED

Those who promote the development of family farms should realize that they are talking about business ventures that require vast amounts of capital. They should also realize that these 320 acre farms will have to get larger to survive. Farm expenses continue to rise faster than farm prices. This trend puts economic pressures on farmers to become larger operators in order to maintain a constant income.

Last, but certainly not least, it takes a great deal of skill and experience to operate a successful farming operation. Governmental land use planners should proceed with caution before advising people to get into a business in which even the most proficient are finding it difficult to earn a living.

Barbershoppers Host Annual Harmony Show

The Mineral Kings chorus of the Porterville Chapter of the Society For the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America presented its third annual concert in Porterville Memorial Auditorium Saturday night and "wowed" a near capacity audience.

The program featured "the grand old songs" in an evening "of musical Americana" that covered the gamut of music that our nation has grown up with. There were new songs, old songs, patriotic songs, religious songs and love songs, all done up in fine barbershop style.

Featured with the Mineral King chorus were the "Manhattans," a quartet of comedians who kept the audience laughing from start to finish of their portion of the big show.

Also featured were the "Occidentals," a quartet of four young men whose voices blended perfectly through a full range of "oldies but goodies." The unit is ranked near the top among quartets in the SPEBSQSA.

Also appearing in vignets during the program were two very capable quartets from the local chorus, the "Quaking Aspens," and the "Old Days, Happy Ways."

After the auditorium show, about 500 persons adjourned to Gang Sue's on North Main for an "afterglow" with refreshments and more informal entertainment by the Mineral Kings chorus, the quartets of the local chorus, and the two guest quartets.

The idea that a college diploma increases earning power has been challenged by an academic researcher who found that if a Princeton-bound student put the \$34,000 the diploma would cost into a savings account at 7.5 per cent interest compounded daily he would have \$1.1 million at age 64 more than twice the earning potential (\$528,000) of the average college graduate.

Small grain crops in most of the state are showing renewed growth as recent rains relieved the immediate soil moisture crisis, according to the California department of food and agriculture.

Big Gas Guzzling

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gearing the vehicle through the standard transmission and the overdrive so that more of the horsepower capabilities of the engine are being used more efficiently. "You buy a big engined car and very seldom use anywhere near what power the car is designed to produce," he said.

Batten's overdrive is controlled by the driver with a push-pull cable type control or an optional lever control to engage or disengage it. This way the auto can be used in conventional drive through the regular automatic transmission as in city or mountain driving or with the overdrive gearing added for highway operation. Although Batten said he uses his pilot unit for all types of driving.

Batten, who has been manufacturing special drag racing transmissions for years at his West Henderson shop, said his new unit is not really for smaller cars. He explained that the small cars are designed for good mileage already. His unit is more for the big engined, heavy cars that need all the help they can get to make them more economical to operate.

But, big car owners needn't get their hopes up too high yet.

Batten explained that his experimental unit is not exactly cheap. He estimated that the first few will probably cost "around \$400" installed. But he is eyeing more economical mass production possibilities which should bring the cost down a bit, later on.

So, big car owners may be able to compete favorably with the economy cars if Batten has his way about it. Like he says, "It's sure nice to drive a big, comfortable car and still beat the high cost of gas."

Seven Contestants

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Mrs. Maxine Stuhann and Ray Franks of Fresno and is the present Tulare County Dairy Princess. She is currently attending COS after graduation from Tulare Western high school.

Miss Picanso is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Picanso and is a graduate of Tulare Union high school and attended COS and Gallen college prior to her enrollment as a dental assistant.

Miss Stewart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Goulart and is a graduate of Tulare Western High school. She is employed part time as a recreational instructor by the Tulare parks and recreation department.

Miss Spuhler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Spuhler and is currently a senior at Strathmore high school.

Miss Bettencourt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bettencourt and a graduate of Redwood high school. She attended COS and is currently employed by Elbow Enterprises, Inc., and part time by Elbow Creek Farm Supply.

Miss Andrews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Andrews Sr., and is a graduate of Dinuba high school prior to her current attendance at Reedley College.

Canterbelle...

(Continued From Page 1)

in western classes; trophies to first and ribbons through fifth in gymkhana; silver trays to first and ribbons through sixth in English classes; and high point awards in each group on both days.

Rain dates for the event have been set at March 27-28.

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